GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MEETING TO DISCUSS COAL SECTOR ISSUES
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Minister of State for Coal with Chairman-cum-Managing Directors(CMDs) of Coal India Limited(CIL) and its subsidiary companies and senior officials of Ministry of Coal at Kolkata on 1st January 2007 to discuss various issues concerning Coal Sector particularly in view of the demand projections made by the Committee on Integrated Energy Policy;

(b) if so, the details of issues discussed therein alongwith the outcome thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) A review meeting was taken by Minister of State (Coal) on various issues concerning coal sector on 11th January, 2007.

(b) The main issues concerning coal sector discussed in the meeting & their outcome are listed below :-
i. Coal linkage : Coal India Limited (CIL) was asked to make more coal available for linkage
ii. Underground Mining : Production from underground mines during XIth Plan need to be increased.
iii. Utilization of Heavy Earth Moving Machinery(HEMM) : CIL and its subsidiary should achieve higher utilization of all their equipment
iv. Coal Beneficiation : An action plan be worked out for setting up washeries and existing washeries should improve their capacity utilization.
v. Coal pricing based on Gross Calorific Value(GCV) : Grading of coal may be changed from Useful Heat Value(UHV) to GCV.
vi. Personnel management :Vacancies in CIL & its subsidiaries need to be filled up and system of career growth / promotion of executives be improved.
vii. Fuel Supply Agreements (FSAs) : FSA with power plants should be finalized on priority basis.
Viii. Safety in coal mines be improved.
ix. Project formulation : Good quality reports be prepared for coal projects.
x. Exploration of Coal : Drilling capacity for coal exploration need to be increased.

(c) The Ministry is monitoring implementation of various decisions taken in the meeting.